

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Non-elected claims 7-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6 have been amended to better define the claimed invention. The Abstract has been placed in compliance with commonly accepted US patent practice. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

The *35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph* rejection of claim 1 is believed overcome in view of the above amendments. In particular, the original wording "a spherical body" has been replaced with "a sphere" which is used throughout the specification as filed and, hence, finds support in and is enabled by the original disclosure. Withdrawal of the *35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph* rejection is now believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

The *35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph* rejection of claims 2 and 6 is also believed overcome in view of the above amendments. In particular, the original wording "the sphere body" has been replaced with "the sphere" to be consistent with and, hence, find antecedent basis in the language of amended claim 1. Withdrawal of the *35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph* rejection is now believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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